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SUBJECT: PEREZ STATE VISIT--CHANGE OF DATES

- 1. DURING MY MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ MAY 10, HE MADE AN EARNEST PLEA TO HAVE HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON MOVED UP ONE DAY, I.E. FROM JUNE 29 AND 30 TO JUNE 28 AND 29. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE WANTED TO FOLLOW THE WASHINGTON VISIT WITH VISITS TO FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND ACADEMIC CIRCLES IN THE US-NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO AND BOSTON-BUT WITH THE JULY 4 WEEK-END THIS WILL MAKE MUCH OF THAT IMPOSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE MUST RETURN TO CARACAS JULY 3 TO PREPARE FOR VENEZUELA'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS JULY 5. I TOLD HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WAS PRETTY SOLIDLY BLOCKED OUT, BUT THAT WITHOUT PROMISING ANYTHING I WOULD PASS HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.
- 2. WHAT PEREZWANTS TO DO WOULD BE VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST. US COMPANIES WANT VERY MUCH TO TALK TO HIM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS ALREADY REPORTED HEAVY INTEREST IN HAVING HIM VISIT THE CHICAGO AREA WHICH HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENT SCHEDULE. THEREFORE, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE THE VISIT DATES BE MOVED UP ONE DAY AS PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS REQUESTED, AND I HOPE A DECISION ON HIS REQUEST ONE WAY OR ANOTHER CAN BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN CONTINUE WITH PLANNING.

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